

**Morro Bay National Estuary Program Site Visit Tour Itinerary**  
**August 2, 2018**

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, staff from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) will give us a tour of Morro Bay project area. The tour will include meetings with key NEP partners.

**EPA Attendees and direct contact information:**

1. **Mike Stoker**, Regional Administrator
  - a. Cell: 213-215-3104
2. **Suzanne Marr**, Project Officer, Water Division
  - a. Cell: 510- 418-8149

**Schedule:**

**8:30 am - Meet at Morro Bay National Estuary Program Office**

601 Embarcadero Street (x Marina)

Morro Bay, CA (805) 772-3834

Take Exit 278 off Highway 1 for Morro Blvd.

Drive down the hill towards the water, to Marina and Embarcadero Streets.

Park in the cul-de-sac near the water in the 3-hour parking zone.

Look for Suzanne Marr who will be waiting for you.

Back-up Plan: If you do not see Suzanne, go up the back stairs (closest to the water) and through the doors to the second story of the Marina Square building.

(The front stairs on Embarcadero are not unlocked until later.)

Once inside, turn right, through the double doors into the Morro Bay NEP Office and ask for Lexie Bell and Ann Kitajima.

**8:45 am to 8:55 am - Meet with Morro Bay NEP Staff**

Lexie Bell, Executive Director

Ann Kitajima, Deputy Director

**9:00 am to 10:00 am - Bay / Harbor Tour**

**Boat tour of Morro Bay** with Morro Bay Harbor Department to view Morro Bay waters up close including oyster farming (as tides allow), harbor, and eel grass habitat and multiple uses of the bay waters.

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Eric Endersby, Morro Bay Harbor Department (tentative)

George Trevelyan, Grassy Bar Oyster Company (tentative)

**10:00 am to 10:30 am - Drive to Black Hill**

**10:30 to 11:30 am - Hike up Black Hill** (0.6 mi. round trip) to view Morro Bay from above  
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff  
Jody Weseman, California Conservation Corps

**11:30 to 12:30 – Lunch** - Location TBD, likely at a restaurant at harbor.  
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff  
Joel Neel, Bay Foundation Board President  
Gary Ruggerone, Bay Foundation Board Member  
Jamie Irons, Morro Bay Mayor (tentative)  
Dwayne Oberhoff, Morro Bay Community Quota Fund for the Morro Bay fishery

**12:30 to 1:00 - Drive to Cal Poly Rainwater Harvesting Site**

**1:00 to 2:00 pm - Cal Poly Rainwater Harvesting Tanks at Pennington Creek**  
Morro Bay National Estuary Program staff  
Kevin Piper, Cal Poly Agricultural Sciences Department

At the Pennington Creek site, we will see:

- **Rainwater harvesting** to capture rainfall and store it for watering cattle during dry season to reduce dry-season creek diversions and minimize impacts to steelhead trout
- **Ranch road repairs** to reduce sediment erosion into creek
- **Riparian fencing** to reduce cattle impact on water quality (sediment, pathogens, nitrates)

**2:00 pm - Drive back to Morro Bay NEP office**

**2:30 pm - Depart** - (Alternatively, Mike can bring his car to Pennington Creek site and depart directly from there at 2:00)